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BIG LOSS BY FIRE

Main Building and Single-tree Departments of Sequatchie Handle Works Destroyed Saturday Night

FLAMES CHECKED BY HARD WORK OF CITIZENS

Loss Estimated at \$10,000, Mostly Covered by Insurance--Company Doing a Fine Business and Plant Will Probably Be Replaced

The most destructive and costly fire known in the history of Sequachee occurred Saturday night at 6:10 when the main building and single-tree department of the Sequatchie Handle Works went up in smoke. The fire broke out in the drying room adjacent to the building on the east side, and was discovered by Watchman W. C. Byrd, who at once sounded an alarm as the flames had gained too much headway to be checked. Employees and citizens hurried to the scene, and had the water plugs adjacent to the seat of conflagration been in good order and if the hose brought to be applied to them fitted, it is highly possible the flames could have been got under control, as when the first comers, which included a member of the News force, arrived the flames were just attacking the partition between the manufacturing and dry room. The dry room is a room kept at a high temperature by means of steam pipes for the purpose of drying handles for shipment, as other methods of drying or seasoning would cause too long a delay of orders. In this dry room the fire broke out, either by spontaneous combustion of dust settled therein, or from handles coming in contact with the hot steam pipes, and the result was the disastrous fire. An effort was made by men with buckets of water to check the flames as they entered the main building, but here another obstacle was encountered. The Spring Branch was lined with such high banks of saw dust that it was hard to go down and almost impossible to get up, as some found out who tried it, and the men were forced to go nearly to the railroad trestle to get water, and the time lost stumbling over gullies and slag was valuable. Others who went up stream secured buckets half sawdust and half water.

The main building was then abandoned to the flames, as great volumes of smoke rolled through it, lit by flashes of light as the gas from the burning sawdust flashed through the smoke, and it was impossible for men without lungs of brass to live in the inferno of fire and smoke. The efforts of the men were then directed to saving the large stock house first built, and sufficient water was secured by the desperate efforts of the men to keep the roof saturated on parts exposed to the burning main building. Another gang of men had been set to work to remove singletrees from the singletree department of which about \$1,000 worth had been finished up that day for shipment. About 600 dozen were saved before the flames consumed the building. Fierce effort was made to save it but it was useless as the heat from the piles of waste hickory between the main building and the railroad tracks was too intense. The flames from these piles of hickory were so hot that they burned with a blue light like that from gas. The stock room and office of the company adjoined the singletree

department but west of it. Here the most wonderful work of the volunteer fire department was accomplished. The gable was in flames, but facing the fierce heat men rushed out with pails of water and dashed it up to the eaves and hip of the roof. A very defective hose was also of some assistance in conveying water. A gang of men inside also pulled away the finished handles until access to the eaves could be secured, and water was kept dashed into them and over the windows from the inside. Others rushed past the flames of the burning singletree building and dashed water to the eaves, the only woodwork exposed as the rest of building was covered with iron sheeting. The fight was desperate and for the second time successful. The building and contents, which were uninsured, were saved. The management should be particularly proud of the faithful way in which both employees and citizens worked to save this building which seemed doomed.

The loss is about \$10,000. The main building and engine room and machinery therein were insured, to amount of \$5,000. The singletree building and contents, however, were not insured, and the loss is estimated at \$2,000. A large quantity of iron material for use in fitting singletrees was stored in this building, but a considerable amount is not believed to be damaged.

There is also a big loss in patterns besides a small but incomplete grist mill which was used in grinding for the trade.

There is much confusion among the employees, who think the fire has thrown them out of work permanently here, but it is the candid opinion of the News that, with the resources of this company and a large amount of insurance coming, that if there is the same amount of enterprise displayed as has been before in the management of the business, that bigger and better equipped buildings will shortly arise from the ashes of the old ones.

NOTES.

Chas. Randle good service fighting the fire Saturday night.

R. H. Fitzgerald, of South Pittsburg, whose companies hold insurance in the Handle Works, was here Sunday looking after their interests.

C. C. Houts did some good work at the fire holding a leak in the hose, all the while exposed to the fierce heat of the flames. It was a hot job.

A wire was stretched around the burned area of the Handle Works and guards stationed night and day to keep visitors from intruding until insurance adjusters could examine the ruins.

T. A. Randle, who was among the first arriving at the fire, did good work, and got in such close quarters with the fire that he got a scratch pad that was in his pocket scorched.

DESTROYED BY FIRE

Conger's Saloon on Cumberland Mountain Burned.

McMinnville, Tenn., Oct. 2.—The "Tennessee Oasis", W. P. Conger's saloon, on top of the Cumberland Mountain, was burned Wednesday night, and it is supposed that the fire was of an incendiary origin, but the whole affair seems to be shrouded in mystery, even the proprietor, W. P. Conger, seems to know little of the details. He was here yesterday and stated that the building and \$900 worth of whiskey was burned. He said revenue men were on the place on the night of the fire but further than this he was unable to explain. He said he had a force of men rebuilding and he would be ready for business in a short time. The saloon is twenty miles from this place and ten miles from a telephone.

One mysterious thing about this fire is the fact that there was a rumor that the saloon was burned Tuesday night when, in fact, it was not burned until Wednesday night.

Stanley.

Spent to the News.

The Primitive Baptists held their regular communion services at Suckport church Sunday. Several from Lookout Valley attended the services. Rev. Gilbert Levi performed the services, he being pastor of that church.

John Lusk was a Chattanooga visitor Friday.

T. H. and Alex. Richie went to Chattanooga Friday.

Charles and David Ellis, our school teachers, visited homefolks Saturday.

The dry weather has prevented the steamer, "John Ross", from making its regular trip this week.

Charley Holloway, of Looney's Creek, was visiting friends and relatives here Sunday.

Cold Wave has visited us again, or Cook and Perry have leaned the North Pole this way.

James Massie and wife, of Kelly's Ferry, were at church Sunday.

Bon Bon.

It's a Top-Notch Deer.

Great deeds compel regard. The world crowns its doers. That's why the American people have crowned Dr. King's New Discovery the King of Throat and Lung remedies. Every atom is a health force. It kills germs, and cures and is gripped with it. It heals cough-racked membranes and coughing stops. Sore, inflamed bronchial tubes and lungs are cured and hemorrhages cease. Dr. Geo. More, Blackjack, N. C., writes "it cured me of lung trouble, pronounced hopeless by all doctors." 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Whitwell Drug Co.

A Hoboken man accused of giving his wife only \$22 in 22 years declared in justification that she had never asked for more.

For a clear head, a stout heart and a strong mind, Dr. Witt's Little Early Balm, gentle, safe, easy, pleasant little pills. Dr. Witt's Carbolic Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled for anything where a salve is needed and is especially good for Piles. Sold by Whitwell Drug Co. and J. W. Simpson.

FIRE STORIES.

John Henderson, who lives east of handle works across the railroad tracks, when the sparks began to fly furiously, got busy carrying out his furniture. He grabbed up a sewing machine and carried it to the back of his lot, and after dumping it down is said to have remarked: "How in thunder did I get you here?" He had not realized what it was before.

W. S. Cabe has a dwelling which was in the spark area, and after he had helped to get hose at the handle works, ran to his place to defend it. He had just got a ladder in position and two pails of water ready when a big flake of burning wood came sailing along and landed half way up the roof of his house. He ascended the ladder and wasted the two pails of water trying to dash it up over the eaves as the ladder was not long enough. In desperation he seized a bucket of milk and with a dipper managed to quench the blaze that was starting on the roof. It is suggested that he wheel his cow up to the building next time and squirt the milk up to the blaze, but we hope that it won't happen again.

Robt. Rice was the first man to arrive at the scene of the fire when the alarm was sounded. He had been given a rest for laying off on the occasion of the circus at So. Pittsburg, which he did not attend, however, but did two day's work trying to save the buildings.

W. R. Thomas, who made the patterns at the handle works, reports his patterns of eight years destroyed, which is a great loss.

Chas. Byrd, the watchman at the handle works did not see any fire when he sounded the alarm, but in passing the dry room smelt fire and rushed to the whistle to give alarm. Immediately after the first alarm, he saw the flames and sounded a second and more strenuous one. He said it seemed like two hours before anyone came, but it was really only two or three minutes before there were five or six on the scene.

Large numbers from nearby towns resorted here Sunday to take a look at the ruins, which, however were roped off pending the arrival of insurance adjusters. They were too hot, anyway, for close acquaintance.

Couldn't Stand That.

They had only been married since June and it was their first experience in seeking country board. After riding ten long miles in a rattling farm cart they arrived at the door of the farm house, says the Chicago News.

"And now, strangers," said the old farmer after he had asked about a score of questions. "I want to tell you right now that down here with us you be supposed to go to bed with the chickens." The young man whispered to his young wife and then both climbed back on the farm wagon. "Boy," said the young man with determination, drive us back to the station."

The freckled lad grinned and whipped up the horse.

"Youuns didn't seem to like the place?" he chuckled. "No," said the young man, "we have read about crowded farm houses, but when it comes to shoving us off to the henhouse that is going a little too strong. I guess we'll stay in the city."

The Bed-Rock of Success

lies in a keen, clear brain, backed by indomitable will and resistless energy. Such power comes from the splendid health that Dr. King's New Life Pills impart. They vitalize every organ and build up brain and body. J. A. Harmon, Ligonier, W. Va., writes: "They are the best pills I ever used." 25c at Whitwell Drug Co.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Savings Department

In connection with our general and commercial banking department we have decided to open a new department which will be known as our Savings Department.

This department will be run entirely separate from the other departments of the bank and on the same principle as regular Savings Banks.

This gives us three departments:—

First—The General or Commercial Banking.

Second—Certificates of Deposit.

Third—Savings Department.

Deposits taken from one dollar up—it's not the amount but the start that counts.

Marion Trust & Banking Co.,

JASPER, TENN.

Colt Show!

Dykes & Northcut will have their Annual Colt Contest on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at their stable or nearby. All persons owning colts sired by their horse "Rex," are requested to bring them in. For the best colt a prize of \$8 will be paid; for second, \$5; for third, \$3. Also a prize of 2.00 for the best year-old foal from their horse. Bring all your colts as there will be some prospective buyers on the ground.

Respectfully,

Dykes & Northcut,
Whitwell, Tenn.

Curtisville.

Special to the News.

Everything on the place seems to be lamenting on account of the death of that good christian, Mary Adaline Curtis, my much beloved wife, who died Oct. 28 and whose works were so soft that everyone who heard her speak must surely have loved her, but some bright day I will see her and Elizabeth. Oh, Lord help me to watch and pray that I may gain the day. She only lived nine days after she was taken sick. Pneumonia was the trouble. She was never heard to speak a short word and was always smiling.

I hear the soft wind blowing Through every bush and tree, Where her dear form is lying. Away from home and me. Tears from mine eyes are starting, And sorrow shades my brow; Oh, sad was our parting— I have no companion now. My heart is ever lonely, My life is drear and sad, 'Twas her dear presence only That made my spirit glad. From morning until evening Care rests upon my brow; She's gone from earth to heaven, I have no companion now.

David Curtis' daughter, Mrs. Otty, is very sick. Supposed to be the fever. Mrs. A. J. Curtis is complaining. W. T. Dugan is puny.

I want to thank the people of this settlement for their loving kindness and help during the sickness and death of my wife. They were so good and we never lacked for company. Yes, we live in a good settlement. I want to write more but I can't, I'm so lonely. Friends, pray for me.

Revs. Wm. Kilgore and Dugan will hold a meeting at Griffith's Creek on Saturday night before the third Sunday and Rev. Potter preaches at my house on the third Sunday.

Cold Wave.

Cold Weather Advice.

to all is to beware of coughs and colds on the chest, as neglected they readily lead to pneumonia, consumption or other pulmonary troubles. Just as soon as the cough appears treat it with Ballard's Horehound Syrup, the Standard cure of America. Use as directed—perfectly harmless. A cure and preventative for all diseases of the lungs. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. For sale by Sequatchie Supply Store.

Death at Clifty.

CLIFTY, Tenn., Oct. 2.—Sarah, the little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Oliver Hill, died at their home at Clifty. The remains of the little one were laid to rest at the Old Cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Strength

Comes from well digested and thoroughly assimilated food. Hood's Sarsaparilla tones the digestive organs, and thus builds up the strength. If you are getting "run down," begin taking Hood's at once.

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No matter how large,

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Bank of Whitwell

will give it careful attention.
This message applies to all.

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